BMP 079 - Properly Dispose of Sediment Generated by Cleaning Sanitary Sewer Lines



Description of Potential Pollutant and Source: The cleaning of sewer lines and manholes generates sediments. These sediments contain both inorganic and organic materials, are odorous, and are contaminated with microorganisms and heavy metals which, if improperly managed, can become exposed to storm water. These materials can then be transported to storm drains and/or receiving waters.

Description of BMP: Sediments generated during the cleaning of sewer lines and manholes will be disposed properly. This will often require disposal in permitted landfills.

Application Guidance: This BMP will be used whenever cleaning the sewer line.

Training: Personnel will be trained regarding the proper disposal of the sediments.

Effectiveness and Cost: Properly disposing of sediments is a moderately effective, low-cost BMP.

Limitations: None